

Statistical Inference Project1

ALT-Data

Question

1. In this project you will investigate the exponential distribution in R and compare it with the Central Limit Theorem. The exponential distribution can be simulated in R with `rexp(n, lambda)` where `lambda` is the rate parameter. The mean of exponential distribution is $1/\lambda$ and the standard deviation is also $1/\lambda$. Set `lambda = 0.2` for all of the simulations. You will investigate the distribution of averages of 40 exponentials. Note that you will need to do a thousand simulations." - 2. Show how variable the sample is (via variance) and compare it to the theoretical variance of the distribution.
- 3. Show that the distribution is approximately normal.

Preparation/seed values

```
# set seed for reproducibility
set.seed(9999901)

lambda <- 0.4

n <- 40

simulations <- 1000

simulated_exponentials <- replicate(simulations, rexp(n, lambda))

# calculate mean of exponentials
means_exponentials <- apply(simulated_exponentials, 2, mean)
```

Question 1

Show where the distribution is centered at and compare it to the theoretical center of the distribution.

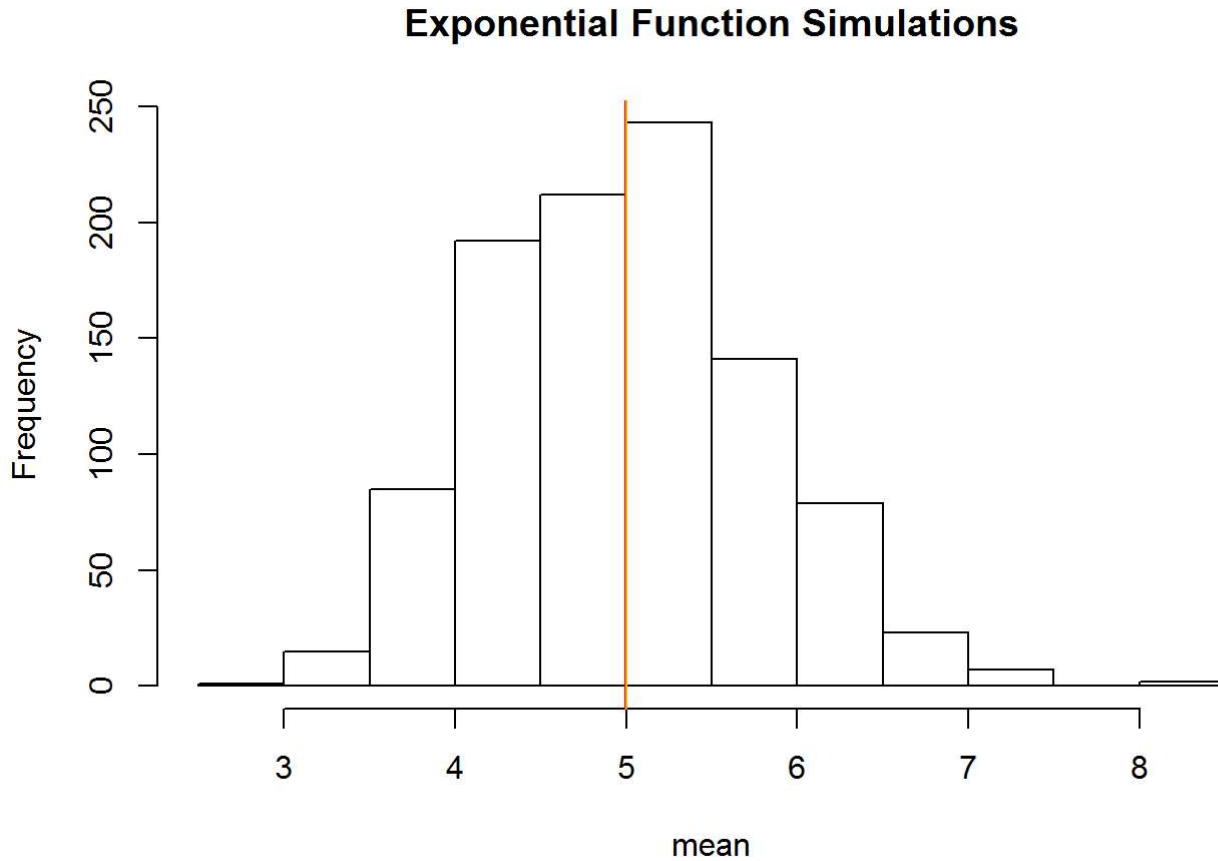
```
analytical_mean <- mean(means_exponentials)
analytical_mean
```

```
## [1] 4.993867
```

```
# analytical mean
theory_mean <- 1/lambda
theory_mean
```

```
## [1] 5
```

```
# visualization
hist(means_exponentials, xlab = "mean", main = "Exponential Function Simulations")
abline(v = analytical_mean, col = "red")
abline(v = theory_mean, col = "orange")
```



The analytics mean = 4.99 while theoretical mean = 5. The center of distribution of avg 40 exponentials is very close to the theoretical.

Question 2

Show how variable it is and compare it to the theoretical variance of the distribution..

```
# standard deviation of distribution
standard_deviation_dist <- sd(means_exponentials)
standard_deviation_dist
```

```
## [1] 0.7931608
```

```
# standard deviation from analytical expression
standard_deviation_theory <- (1/lambda)/sqrt(n)
standard_deviation_theory
```

```
## [1] 0.7905694
```

```
# variance of distribution
variance_dist <- standard_deviation_dist^2
variance_dist
```

```
## [1] 0.6291041
```

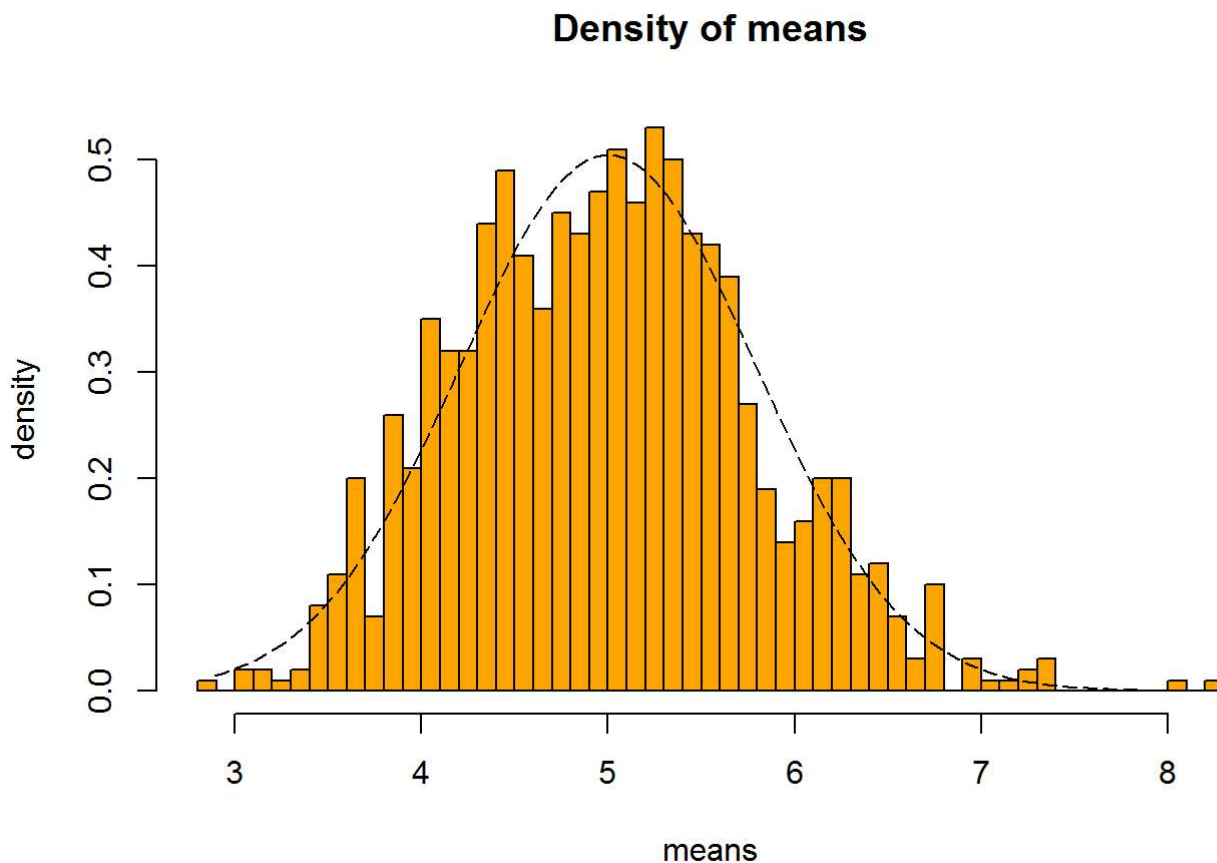
```
# variance from analytical expression
variance_theory <- ((1/lambda)*(1/sqrt(n)))^2
variance_theory
```

```
## [1] 0.625
```

Question 3

Show that the distribution is approximately normal.

```
xfit <- seq(min(means_exponentials), max(means_exponentials), length=100)
yfit <- dnorm(xfit, mean=1/lambda, sd=(1/lambda/sqrt(n)))
hist(means_exponentials,breaks=n,prob=T,col="orange",xlab = "means",main="Density of means",ylab="density")
lines(xfit, yfit, pch=22, col="black", lty=5)
```



```
# compare the distribution of averages of 40 exponentials to a normal distribution
qqnorm(means_exponentials)
qqline(means_exponentials, col = 2)
```

Normal Q-Q Plot

